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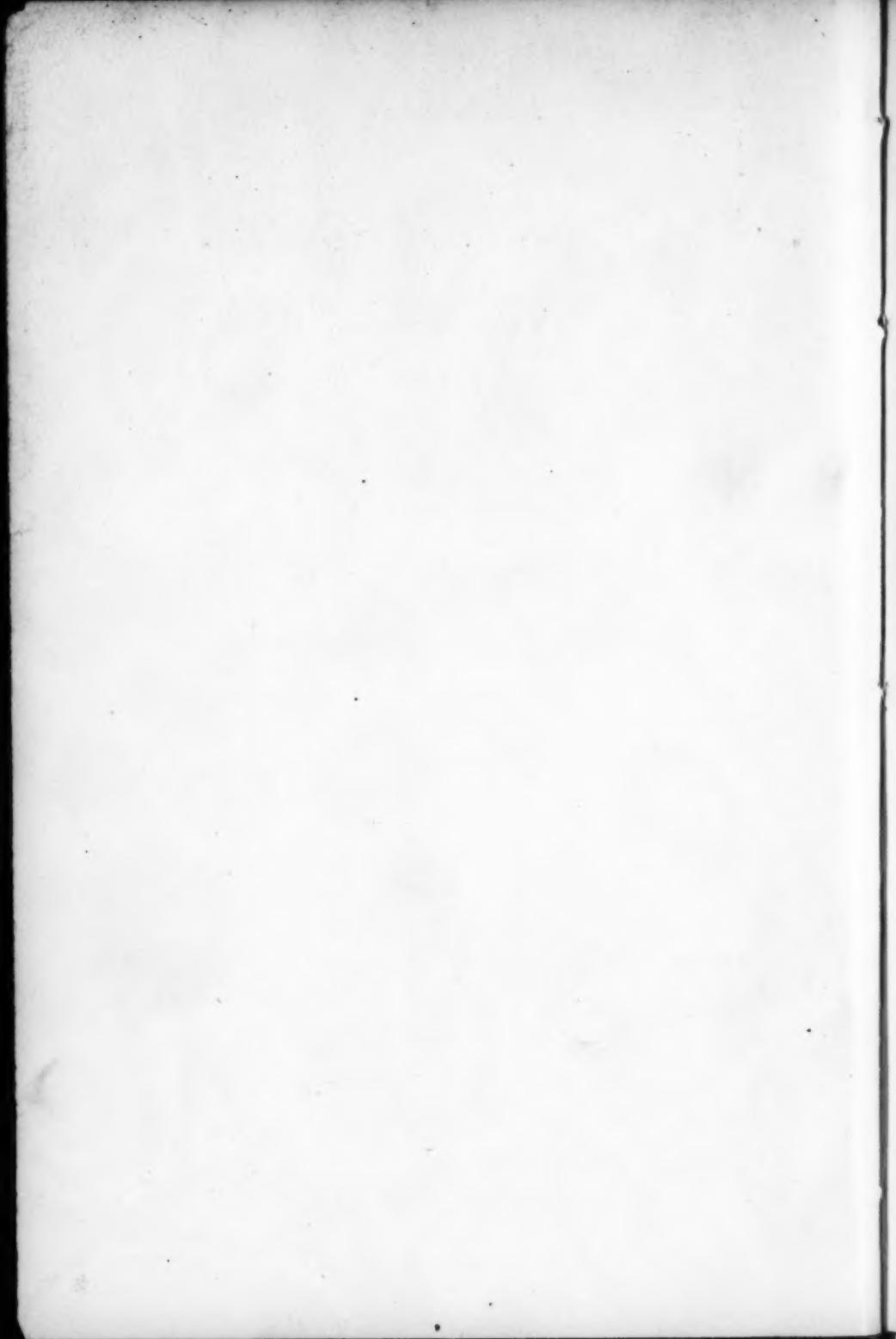
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## Editorial.

ENCOURAGED by the success of the discussion of the question of Church Reunion on the basis of the Lambeth Propositions, we decided to undertake, for 1891, a work of great magnitude and value to the Church. There is not in existence a treatise giving the origin, doctrinal standards, and changes that have taken place from time to time, as well as the subsequent divisions of the great Protestant Communions of the world. Such an historical review, based upon contemporary history and standard works, will form the leading feature of the CHURCH REVIEW for 1891. These monographs will be written by Churchmen of acknowledged ability, and will prove of inestimable value to the parochial clergy as well as to the intelligent laity. To have at hand such historical matter will enable Churchmen to refer at once to undisputed data and official documents relating to many questions that are constantly arising in parochial work.

In this present volume we introduce the subject by an article from Dr. Hale, on Methodism. Another article will show the doctrinal changes and numerous divisions of the Methodists from their origin to the present time. In order to give the writers ample time for an exhaustive examination and treatment of the work intrusted to them, we have arranged for the greater number of these articles to appear in the July and October volumes. A great deal of interest has been manifested in this undertaking, and we trust our readers will see that it is generally made known to those who are not regular readers of the CHURCH REVIEW. We shall add to this historical review three monographs on the three great divisions of the Catholic Church; namely, the Anglican, the Greek, and the Roman. In these monographs a vast

amount of historical matter will be collected which is not now within the reach of the general student of Church History.

Churchmen in England as well as America will read with sincere regret and profound sorrow the introductory note to *Some Unwritten Books*. Almost everything that Dr. Hopkins has written for the public during the past ten years has appeared in the CHURCH REVIEW; and this warning is to us much more than a notice that we are about to lose a valued contributor and wise counsellor. There yet remains for us to give to our readers two brief articles which could not be printed in the present volume. One is on *The Molten Sea before Solomon's Temple*, and the other is a criticism on Hymn 424 of the Hymnal. These brief articles will appear in the April issue. Every one who reads *Some Unwritten Books* (and who will not?) will regret that the author could not have strength and days granted him in which to carry out his plans.

We are sure that our distinguished author has the sympathy and prayers of all Churchmen who are able to appreciate the great value of the services, ever to be gratefully remembered, which Dr. John Henry Hopkins has rendered to the American Church.

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